# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF BULK DRUGS
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) the total quantity of important bulk drugs produced in the country during the last three years ;

(b) whether the Government imports and exports large number of bulk drugs ;

(c) if so, the quantity and value of each bulk drugs imported and exported during the said period; and

(d) the developmental plan and non-plan schemes and policy measures to increase exports and be self-sufficient ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) A large number of units manufacturing drugs and reiated items, both in the organized sector and in the small scale sector are operating in the country. Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules made there-under, the responsibility for regulating the manufacture and sale of drugs is vested primarily with the State Governments.

(b) & (c) Total import-export figures of Drugs, Pharmaceuticals and fine Chemicals for the last three years,as obtained from the Department of Commerce are as undervalues in US $ Millions

| | 2002-2003 | 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 |
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| Export of Drugs, Pharmaceuticals and fine Chemicals | 2650.28 | 3310.73 | 3712.57 |
| Import of Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products | 592.02 | 643.73 | 679.14 |

(d) The Government of India takes a number of measures for export promotion under the Foreign Trade Policy, which, inter-alia , include the following:-

(1) Assistance to States for developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE).

(2) Market Access Initiative (MAI).

(3) Market Development Assistance (MDA).

(4) Meeting Expenses for trade Related Matters.

(5) Reorganization of Towns of Export Excellence and assistance to exporters.

(6) Brand Promotion and Quality.

(7) Modernization and up gradation of Test Houses.